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To: Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

From: Iowa VFC Program

Re: Vaccine Update: Hiberix Vaccine

Effective November 21, 2016, the Iowa VFC Program will allow providers to begin ordering Hiberix vaccine.

Hiberix is recommended as a 4-dose series given at ages 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 months of age. Hiberix, PedvaxHIB, Pentacel and ActHIB vaccines are interchangeable. If different brands of Hib vaccine are given at 2 and 4 months of age, a third dose of one of these brands should be administered at 6 months of age to complete the primary series. Any of these vaccine brands may be used for the booster dose, regardless of what brand of vaccine was administered in the primary series.

A detailed Hiberix vaccine summary is available [here](#) and includes information on use, dosage, schedule, and contraindications. When placing an order for Hiberix vaccine, please review the clinic's vaccine inventory to identify all other vaccines needed. VFC providers should continue to place vaccine orders consistent with their economic order quantity (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) and monitor existing Hib-containing inventory to ensure VFC vaccine is not wasted or allowed to expire.

Updated VFC Monthly Doses Administered Reports and VFC Available Vaccines and Covered Age Ranges are available on the [Immunization Program Website](#).

If you have questions regarding recommendations for use of Hiberix vaccine, contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 2. For questions regarding vaccine orders contact the VFC Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 4 or 5.